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San Diego Operation Port Watch

“Neighborhood Watch” for the Port of San Diego and coastline

SAN DIEGO – In advance of the 4th of July, the Coast Guard kicked off its new “Neighborhood Watch” program for San Diego’s port and coastline. ***San Diego Operation Port Watch*** enlists the support of San Diego’s citizens, boaters, professional mariners, and waterside business people to be on alert for suspicious activities and help protect the Southern California and the Port of San Diego from potential threats.

Operation Port Watch hopes to tap the knowledge of those that work and use the local waters for information on activity that is out of place.

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Operation Port Watch is a joint effort of the FBI, U.S. Customs, the California Highway Patrol and the Port of San Diego Harbor Police.

Of particular concern are activities around military bases, bridges, power plants, water intakes, oil facilities, fuel docks and at the cruise ship terminal. An incident report form and a list of the types of activities to report are available online at the Port Watch web page at:

www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso/portwatch.htm.

If an attack is imminent, call 911. Anyone noting suspicious activity in the port should report this at (800) 854-9834.

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MEDIA ADVISORY:

For further information or to schedule an interview call Lieutenant Benjamin Benson at (619) 683-6499 or at (619) 683-6470. You can also send your request by e-mail to bbenson@d11.uscg.mil.

The 2 page Report Form is attached.



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What to look out for

Call 911 for immediate help

Places of particular interest

- Near or around military bases
- Under and around bridges
- Near or around power plants
- Near or around water intakes
- Near or around oil facilities
- Near or around fuel docks

What to look for in **recreational vessels**

- Fishing in locations not typically used for fishing
- Unattended vessels
- Unusual boat characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Unusual filming activity
- Unusual diving operations
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual number of people on board
- Lights flashing between boats and shore at night
- Frequent trips across border

What to look for in **commercial vessels**

- Operating/transiting in an area not typically transited
- Anchored in an area not typically used as an anchorage area
- Unattended vessels
- Unusual vessel characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Filming activity
- Divers near vessel
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual transfer of personnel or items while transiting
- Unusual night operations

What to look for at **facilities** & waterway **structures**

- Fishing in locations not typically used for fishing/hunting
- Suspicious activity
- Unattended vehicles in unusual locations
- Unusual vehicle characteristics
- Any aggressive activities
- Filming activity
- Divers entering water near facility or bridge
- Recovering or tossing items into/onto the waterway or shoreline
- Unusual night operations
- Observed security changes or lack of usually observed security
- Missing fencing, lighting etc.



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Incident Report Form

Call 911 for immediate help

Date
Time of incident
Location of incident
Incident (What happened? What did you see or hear?)
Identities of people involved?
Vessel or vehicle identification numbers
Other notes
Your name (You may remain anonymous)
How to contact you for questions; phone, e-mail, street address? (You may remain anonymous)

Call 911 for immediate help

Send form to:
U.S. Coast Guard
MSO SD, Port Operations
2716 North Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

Fax to: (619) 683-6474
Call in to: (800) 854-9834

Further info online at www.uscg.mil/d11/sandiego/mso

